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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SPAIN: SUAREZ PICKS HIS TEAM

PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ SELECTED A NEW CABINET JULY 7 WEIGHTED  
TOWARD THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC CENTER-RIGHT. THE SELEC-  
TIONS, WHICH LARGELY FOLLOWED EMBASSY MADRID'S PREDICTIONS,  
INCLUDED:

--MARCELINO OREJA, A 40-YEAR OLD AREILZA CONFIDANT AND  
"TACITO" REFORMIST, AS FOREIGN MINISTER;

--THE SHIFT OF LABOR MINISTER MARTIN VILLA TO INTERIOR;  
AND

--RETENTION OF SEVEN OLD FACES, INCLUDING FOUR MILITARY  
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MINISTERS, AND THE ADDITION OF TEN NEW ONES.

EMBASSY COMMENT: OREJA, LIKE SUAREZ, IS YOUNG, ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT, WITH IMPECCABLE DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS. HE WAS AREILZA'S IMMEDIATE CHOICE AS UNDER SECRETARY, AND IS AN EXPERT ON LOS MATTERS. AS TO THE CABINET "CRISIS" ITSELF,

MANY SEE FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, PRESIDENT OF THE CORTES AND COUNCIL OF THE REALM, AS ITS MASTERMIND AND GREATEST BENEFICIARY. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 5267 AND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) 5266, 7/7.)

## 2. CYPRUS: EVERYTHING COMING UP ROSES FOR DENKTASH

EMBASSY NICOSIA NOTES THAT DENKTASH'S DOMESTIC POSITION HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED RECENTLY BY:

--HIS AND THE UNITY PARTY'S IMPRESSIVE ELECTION WINS;

--ELIMINATION OF POLITICAL EMBARRASMENTS FROM HIS CABINET AND THE SUBSTITUTION OF ATTRACTIVE NEW FACES; AND

--SELECTION OF THE LOYAL AND SUBSERVIENT NEJAT KONUK AS HIS PRIME MINISTER.

EMBASSY COMMENT: DENKTASH HAS GAINED A CHESTY SENSE OF LEGITIMACY, CONFIDENCE AND CONTROL, WHICH PROBABLY MAKES ANKARA ENVOIOUS AND SLIGHTLY UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER THIS MINI-GOVERNMENT IN A MINI-STATE REALLY MATTERS VERY MUCH AT ALL, GIVEN THE SEEMINGLY INEXORABLE ABSORPTION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS INTO THE MAINLAND TURKISH ORBIT. (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 1873, 7/7.)

## 3. ISRAEL: PERES' PERSPECTIVES ON LEBANON

ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER PERES TOLD AMBASSADOR TOON JULY 6 HE BELIEVES SYRIA INTERVENED IN LEBANON BECAUSE ASAD FOUND HIMSELF HARD PRESSED BETWEEN THE HOSTILITY OF THE IRAQI BA'ATH PARTY ON THE ONE HAND AND THE JUMBLATT AND THE PLO ON THE OTHER. PERES ALSO NOTED:

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--ASAD IS RELUCTANT TO USE ENOUGH FORCE TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION.

--FROM AN ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW, A SYRIAN TAKEOVER OF LEBANON WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO A PLO TAKEOVER.

--A UNITED, INDEPENDENT LEBANON IS STILL POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IF THE SONS OF CHAMOUN AND GEMAYEL CAN

GET TOGETHER TO LEAD THE CHRISTIANS.

--ISRAELIS SHOULD TAKE SERIOUSLY SYRIAN HINTS THAT  
FURTHER NEGOTIATION WITH THEM MAY BE POSSIBLE.

ON THE LATTER POINT, THE AMBASSADOR NOTES THAT PERES "SEEM-  
ED TO BE QUITE UPBEAT." (SECRET) TEL AVIV 4653, 7/7.)

#### 4. KENYA FEARS AMIN MEANS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S PERMANENT SECRETARY EXPRESSED CONCERN  
TO EMBASSY NAIROBI JULY 7 THAT PRESIDENT AMIN MAY ATTACK  
KENYA, AND NOTED:

--AMIN'S MESSAGE TO KENYATTA JULY 6 DIRECTLY ACCUSING  
HIM OF FACILITATING THE ISRAELI MOVE AGAINST ENTEBBE;

--UGANDA'S CLAIM JULY 7 THAT 30 AMERICAN OR ISRAELI  
AIRCRAFT WERE PROCEEDING TOWARD UGANDA FROM KENYA; AND

--AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT THAT TWO AIRCRAFT LANDED AT  
ENTEBBE JULY 7 CARRYING SOVIET TECHNICIANS AND SPARE  
AIRCRAFT PARTS.

KENYA, MEANWHILE, HAS:

--DELAYED DELIVERY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND OIL BOUND  
FOR UGANDA; AND

--PLACED ITS FORCES ON ALERT.

THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT 80 PER CENT OF THE UGANDA DEFENSE  
COUNCIL VOTED JULY 5 NOT TO ATTACK KENYA, WITH AMIN IN THE  
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MINORITY. (SECRET) NAIROBI 7002 (EXDIS), 7/7.)

#### 5. MAURITIUS: ORGANIZED AND AFRICAN, BUT NO UNITY

EMBASSY PORT LOUIS REPORTS THAT EXCEPT FOR COMMON INDIGNA-  
TION OVER THE SOWETO RIOTS, THE ISRAELI RAID ON ENTEBBE,  
AND OUR UN VETO ON ANGOLA THE 13TH OAU SUMMIT WAS CHARAC-  
TERIZED IN THE MAIN BY DISHARMONY. ACCORDING TO THE  
EMBASSY:

--ATTENDANCE BY THE LEADING AFRICAN POLITICAL FIGURES  
FELL TO ITS LOWEST LEVEL EVER, WITH MANY FEARING COUPS  
AT HOME IF THEY WENT.

--THE MOST SERIOUS OF THE MANY INTRA-AFRICAN DISPUTES

WAS OVER THE SAHARA; MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA THREATENED  
TO LEAVE THE OAU IF THE MATTER WAS EVEN DISCUSSED.

--FRANCE AND ISRAEL WERE THE PRINCIPAL OVERSEAS TAR-  
GETS, WITH THE US GETTING OFF RELATIVELY LIGHTLY.

--THERE WAS SOME SUSPICION OF, BUT MOSTLY CURIOSITY  
ABOUT, THE KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS, AND HIGH PRAISE  
FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF AMBASSADOR SCRANTON. (CONFI-  
DENTIAL) PORT LOUIS 596, 7/7.) KISSINGER

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